

# The Gary Sandifur Tobacco Free School Award

## Application and Criteria

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ School Web site \_\_\_\_\_

Why did your school corporation decide to go tobacco-free? \_\_\_\_\_

When was this policy implemented? \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain any challenges you had to face to get this policy passed. \_\_\_\_\_

Please explain any feedback you have received from your community. \_\_\_\_\_

*A copy of your school corporation's tobacco-free policy must be attached to this form.*

## About the Award



### Gary Sandifur

Gary Sandifur was a dedicated husband and father from Kokomo, Indiana. He was also a life-long smoker. Gary visited his doctor for testing due to headaches and dizziness. The day before his 50th birthday, he got the results of his tests: brain tumors. Gary later found out he had stage-4 lung cancer and it had spread from his lungs to his brain. Gary had promised his family he wouldn't smoke after he turned 50. He was right.

After learning that he was dying of cancer, Gary began to speak to children and teenagers about the dangers of smoking. He wanted to get the message out to as many people as possible: smoking is not worth the risk. Gary didn't get to finish the work he started. He lost his battle with cancer. His wife, Lorene Sandifur, decided to continue the work Gary had begun. She and Gary became the subjects of a series of commercials about the effects of tobacco in Indiana. She continues to speak to children, teenagers and adults about the harmful effects of tobacco, helping to finish the job her husband started. This award was created in memory and honor of Gary Sandifur and the Sandifur family, as well as the countless other Hoosier families who have been harmed by tobacco use.

### Award Criteria

The Gary Sandifur Tobacco-Free School Award recognizes school corporations in Indiana that have policies prohibiting tobacco use by students, staff, parents and visitors on school property and in school vehicles 24 hours a day.

### Mailing Information

Please mail or fax your form and your school corporation's tobacco-free policy to:

**Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Commission**  
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